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Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : ஹெல்த் ஆபீஸர்கள், டிஸ்ட்ரிக்ட் ஹெல்த் ஆபீஸர்கள் ஆகியவர்களை நியமிக்க டாக்டர்கள் கிடைக்கவில்லை என்று சொல்லப்படுகிறதே, அதனால் ஜி.ஸி.ஐ.எம். டாக்டர்களை நியமிக்கும் உத்தேசம் உண்டா? —

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : ஜி.ஸி.ஐ.எம். மாத்திரம் அல்லாமல் எம்.பி.பி.பிஸ். டாக்டர்களையும் நியமிக்க ஒரு ப்ரபோஸல் இருக்கிறது.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : There seems to be a large percentage of failures as far as the Siddha system of medicine is concerned. Is it a fact that the students do not rise up to the level expected of them or is the instruction imparted to them not up to the standard which would warrant them to pass?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : We cannot attribute it to any one particular reason. There is also the other reason that the difficulty involved in that system will have to be considered.

*Dispensary (Azhagappapuram)*

Mr. SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of the Question No. 868 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 868 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount has been sanctioned for the staff of the Dispensary in Azhagappapuram, in the Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) if so, when;

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation from the villagers of Azhagappapuram for starting a full-time dispensary; and

(*d*) the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) In March 1959.

(*c*) & (*d*) Yes. The part-time Government Dispensary at Azhagappapuram has started functioning as a full-time dispensary with effect from 1st February 1961.

*English as Medium of Instruction*

* 869 *Q.*—Sri A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the statement of the Director of Public Instruction wherein he has stated that the previous Ministry have been misguided in removing English as medium of instruction?